

Lessons for Leaders
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What makes a great leader? People assume a stereotype of a great leader—a larger than life person like Lee Iacocca or Jack Welch.

Jim Collins, author of Good to Great describes what he calls “Level 5 Leadership.” The most powerful transformative leader has a blend of personal humility and professional determination.

Research shows that truly effective leaders are unpretentious but resolved—humility + will.

Modesty is not weakness. The Biblical definition of meekness is derived from a word that for a powerful horse under control. Strength under control.

Level 5 leaders put people first; strategy second. They found the right people for the right seats; then decided where to drive the bus.

Compelling modesty with unwavering resolve.

That sounds like Jesus. That sounds like Paul the Apostle in the 1st Century. And that’s how a Christ-follower should lead.